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SALEM MAN SENTENCED FOR BANK ROBBERY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent in Charge Kenneth W. Kaiser and Salem Police Chief Paul T. Donovan, today announced that Joseph Deveau, 32, of Salem, New Hampshire, was sentenced today by the United States District Court in Concord to ten years in prison for committing the October 26, 2002, robbery of Bank North, 130 Main Street, Salem, New Hampshire. Deveau was classified as a career offender under the sentencing guidelines based upon his criminal history.

On October 26, 2002, Deveau entered the Bank North branch in Salem, New Hampshire, wearing a hooded jacket, baseball cap, and sunglasses and produced a note demanding money. The note told the teller she had 20 seconds to give him the money. Deveau left the bank on foot with approximately \$4,500. A piece of paper inadvertently left in the bank by Deveau had the name of Deveau's girlfriend on it. The Salem Police Department used the information on the paper to locate Deveau within a few hours of the robbery. A portion of the money stolen in the robbery was recovered from the residence where Deveau was staying.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono expressed his appreciation to the Salem Police Department and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the swift capture of Deveau. U. S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "Bank robberies, even if a firearm is not involved, pose a serious risk to the safety of bank employees and members of the public. My office will continue to prosecute those individuals who engage in bank robberies, and we will particularly focus on repeat offenders who choose to engage in careers of crime." Assistant U. S. Attorney Don Feith prosecuted this case.